

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to honor the City of Memphis's efforts to bring the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to Memphis.

WHEREAS, the Official Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame Museum is an in-depth, highly interactive educational experience; and

WHEREAS, it maintains historical artifacts and state-of-the-art interactive exhibits that provide information, cultural enrichment, and entertainment for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's mission is to be a vital part of preserving the history of rhythm & blues, blues, jazz, gospel music, and the culture in America that ignited their creation; and

WHEREAS, Memphis, Beale Street, and the Stax Museum are known all over the world to millions for a rich musical legacy; and

WHEREAS, leaders in Memphis are working to bring the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to the city; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony would bring tourism and economic opportunities to Memphis, Shelby County, and Tennessee and highlight Tennessee's rich musical heritage to the world; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony could potentially be the first step in establishing a permanent home for the Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, similar music-related museums such as the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, attract over 400,000 visitors per year; and

WHEREAS, a permanent Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame would also provide valuable after-school educational opportunities for young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the City of Memphis's efforts to bring the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.